

RFP-10-94
Question/Inquiry Responses
June 24, 2010

Q1. The RFP references services for women and men. Request clarification on desire for strictly adult services or a broader service delivery to include adolescents. The RFP requires gender specific care and separate living areas for men and women if adolescent services are to be considered would age appropriate services be expected?

A1. Services for adults, age 18 and above, are required. Additional age appropriate services for younger age(s) will be considered.

Q2. Who will act as gatekeeper of the dollars for this project? The RFP does not identify any target populations or needs areas- in light of this how is eligibility to be determined?

A2. Division of Mental Health and Addiction through contract conditions will control the funds based upon eligibility terms proposed by the accepted vendor(s).

Q3. The RFP has identified parameter for unduplicated numbers to be served and a baseline budget target- would the State consider multiple contracts to meet the state wide need or is a single agency or single lead agency with collaborative partners the goal of the RFP?

A3. Either will be considered.

Q4. Is the funding (baseline 1,500,000 annually) to be allocated able to be used in conjunction with other funding streams? Are there any funding streams that would not allowable under this RFP i.e. self-pay as in sliding fee scale co-pays? What funding streams would the State see as supporting this effort for best outcomes?

A4. Yes, any other revenues are encouraged. Self-pay or co-pay fees prior to care that prohibit access would be considered unfavorably.

Q5. The RFP is requesting 60 new beds. With the 30% limitation on agency specific client referrals or a maximum of 18 beds is it the expectation of the State that the other 42 beds are filled only by clients that help meet the 750 unduplicated goal potentially leaving bed empty?

A5. All 60 beds may count toward the 750 unduplicated count.

Q6. The Technical Proposal requests that we include policies, procedures and protocols how inclusive of these documents is the State interested in reviewing?

A6. Policies, procedures and protocols directly evidencing the Technical Proposal requirements are expected. Vendor(s) may offer to make others available upon request.

Q7. The Key RFP Dates targets the Contract Award by August 31, 2010. When will the funding for this project become available the contractor? What is the State's goal for availability of the new service beds?

A7. Funds will be available upon completion of contract. The goal for availability of beds is before December 31, 2010.

Q8. RFP 10-94 indicates that the facilities must be certified by the Div. of Mental Health and Addiction rules. However, the below section of the 440 IAC. appears to limit all residential facilities to no more than 15 beds unless they were certified prior to a date in 2003. IAC. does not seem to allow for a waiver to increase prior waiver bed maximums and does not seem to allow for new residential services that exceed 15 beds per facility.

see sections of 440 IAC below.

A. is this interpretation of 440 IAC correct?

B. if yes, How will DMHA deal with this issue assuming an expansion may be proposed where the facility is currently at the Max. by IAC or waiver but, has the appropriate space and facilities to expand beds to meet this RFP intent?

A8. A. No. In the past, the Division has expanded a waiver to increase the number of beds provided the Sub Acute was given a waiver prior to January 2003 and the expansion meets the rest of the rules of 7.5.

B. The vendor(s) shall be required to be certified by 440 IAC 7.5 and proposal(s) may explore alternatives.

ARTICLE 7.5. RESIDENTIAL LIVING FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS

OR ADDICTIONS

440 IAC 7.5-4-7 Requirements specific to a sub-acute facility (also under other sub-types of residential facilities.

Authority: IC 12-8-8-4; IC 12-21-2-3

Affected: IC 12-22-2-3; IC 12-24-12; IC 12-25; IC 12-28; IC 12-30-3; IC 1

(b) The division director may waive the limitation of fifteen (15) or fewer persons.

(c) In order for the limitation to be waived, the transitional residential facility must be accredited by an accrediting agency

approved by the division and must have been certified prior to January 1, 2003.

(d) Before a waiver is granted, the agency shall have an inspection conducted by the office of the state fire marshal to

determine whether the facility's operation is in compliance with the applicable fire and life safety standards set forth in 440 IAC 7.5-8,

440 IAC 7.5-9, or 440 IAC 7.5-10.

(e) If a waiver is granted, the waiver will remain as long as the residence is accredited and operated by the agency.